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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ON

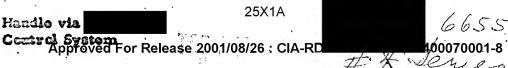
MANAGEMENT OF THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

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- To insure that the particular talents, esperience and capabilities willian the Department of Defense and the Central Estelligence Agency are fully and most offectively utilized in the establishment, management and conduct of the National Recommissence Program, the Scoretary of Defence and the Director of Contral Intelligence hereby agree that the Secretary of Defense shall be the Ereculive Agent for the National Recommissance Pregram, which shall be developed, managed and conducted and in accordance with policies and guidance jointly agreed to by the Seemanary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence.
- B. To carry out his responsibilities as Executive Agent for the National Recommissance Program, the Secretary of Defense will establish as a separate operating agency of the Department of Defense a National Reconnaiseance Office under the direction, authority and control of the Escretary of Defense.
- in the execution of their respective responsibilities the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Control Intelligence may designate appropriate cificials of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency to examine and monitor on their behalf the activities of the National Reconnaiseance Office.
- II. Organisation and Command of the National Reconnaissance Office

The National Reconnaissance Office shall consist of:

- A Director appelated from exacts the efficers and employees ed the Department of Defense by the Secretary of Defense with the concurrence of the Director of Comeral Intelligence, who shall develop a major portion of his time to the business of the National Reconnationness Office.
- A Deputy Director appointed from among the officers and comployees of the Control Intelligence Agency by the Director of Control



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Intelligence with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense.' The Deputy Director NRO shall be in the chain of command directly under the Director NRO and shall at all times be kept fully and currently informed as to all activities of the National Reconnaissance Program. Under the direction of the Director NRO he shall be responsible for:

- 1. Supervising relations between the NRO and the United States Intelligence Beard and its subcommittees, and the intelligence exploitation community.
- 2. Supervising all NRP tacks assigned by the Director NRO to the Central Intelligence Agency.
- 3. Performing such other duties as may be assigned by the Director, NRO.

The Deputy Director shall act for, and exercise the powers of the Director, NRO, during his absence or disability.

- C. Such personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, other components of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency as shall be assigned on a full time basis to appropriate positions within the National Reconnaissance Office.
- D. The chain of command shall run directly from the Secretary of Defense as Executive Agent to the Director, NRO. Guidance to the Edwarder, NRO, shall be furnished by the Secretary of Defense as Executive Agent hereunder and by the United States In Allegance Board.
- III. Functions and Responsibilities of the National Reconnaissance Office

Subject to the direction, authority and control of the Secretary of Poionee, the National Reconnelssance Office, under the operational direction and control of its Director, is responsible for the management of all aspects of the NPR, including but not limited to:

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- A. Development on a continuing basis for the approval of the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence of a single National Reconnaiseance Program of all projects for collection of intelligence, mapping and geodetic information through everflights ever devied territory, by collection systems exclusive of normal peripheral operations. Maximum use will be made of appropriate technical and operational capabilities and resources of the Department of Defense, NSA and CIA to support all collection and processing projects.
- B. Responding directly and solely to the intelligence collection requirements and priorities established by the United States.
 Intelligence Board.
- C. Scheduling all missions for overflights in the National Reconnaissance Program, obtaining appropriate clearances where required from higher authority.
- D. All NRP flights over denied territory, employing appropriate capabilities, facilities and resources of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency.
- E. Initial imagery processing, titling, production and delivery of the collected product to the usors as specified by the USIB.
- F. Decommutation, conversion, technical correction and reconstruction of the collected electronic signal data to yield a usuale collection product, and delivery of such collection product in proper format together with associated data necessary for exploitation to the NSA or other user as specified by the USIB.
- G. Engineering analysis of all collection systems to correct the problems that exist on the operating systems as well as to provide information for new systems.
- H. Planning and conduct of research and development of future NRP projects, utilizing appropriate resources and capabilities of the DoD, CIA and private contractors.

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- 1. Presentation, as required, of all aspects of the NRP to the Special Group and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.
- J. Maintenance of a uniform system of security procedures and control in accordance with security policy established for the NRP by the Director of Central Intelligence.
- R. Preparation of hudget requests for all NRO programs, and presentation and substantiation of each budget requests to the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Cantral Intelligence, the Eureau of the Budget and Congressional Committees. CIA will include in its budget presentation to the Bureau of the Budget and Congressional Committees the funds for those NRP tanks which are assigned to CIA and which are to be financed from NRO resources.
- L. Direction and management of the application of, and administration of all funds made available for the National Recommissionance Program. Funds expended or obligated under the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence under Public Law 110 will be administered and accounted for by CIA.
 - M. Rendition of statue of funds reports and analyses.
- N. Release of public information subject to the ascurity guidance of CIA.

IV. Authorities

The Director, National Reconnaissance Office, in commetted with his assigned responsibilities for the National Reconnaissance Program, shall be authorized to:

- A. Organizo, staff and supervice the National Reconneissance Office.
- B. Establish, manage and conduct the National Recommaissance Program.
- C. Assign all project tasks such as technical management, contracting, etc., to appropriate elements of the DoD and the CIA, changing such assignments, and taking any such stops he may determine necessary to the efficient management of the NRP.

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D. Issue appropriate instructions and procedures implementing this agreement.

V. Relationships

- A. In carrying out his responsibilities for the National Recennaiseance Program, the Director, National Reconnaiseance Office shall:
- 1. Report directly to the Socretary of Defense and shall keep him and the Director of Central Intelligence currently informed on the NRO and the NRP. In addition he shall keep such officials of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency as the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence may respectively designate under the provisions of paragraph I. C. to examine and meniter the National Recommissance Program on their behalf, personally informed on a regular basis, or on request, on the status of projects of the National Recommissance Program.
- 2. Establish appropriate lisison between the National Recommissance Office and the United States Intelligence Board, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Agency.
- 3. Where appropriate make use of qualified personnel of the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency as full-time members of the National Reconnaissance Office.
- 4. Make maximum utilization of appropriate technical and operational capabilities and resources of the Department of Defence, the National Security Agency and the Contral Intelligence Agency to support all collection and processing programs including but not limited to, electronic signal and imagery programs.
- B. Officials of all elements of the Department of Defence and the Central Intelligence Agency shall provide support within their respective authorities to the Director, National Reconnaissance Office, as may be necessary for the Director to carry out his assigned responsibilities and functions. Streamlined management procedures shall be utilized whereby individual project directors will report directly to the Director, National Reconnaissance Office. The Director, National Reconnaissance Office, shall be given support as required from normal staff elements of the

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VI. Effective Date

This agreement is effective upon signature and supersedes the DoD-CIA NRO Agreement dated 2 May 1962.

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